



Nothing wrong with help from Russians, Trump lawyer says

By HOPE YEN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's lawyer Rudy Giuliani insisted there was "nothing wrong" with the president's 2016 campaign taking information from the Russians, as House Democrats pledged stepped-up investigations into campaign misconduct and possible crimes of obstruction detailed in special counsel Robert Mueller's report. Giuliani called the Trump campaign's effort to get political help from representatives of the Russian government possibly ill-advised but not illegal. "There's nothing wrong with taking information from Russians," Giuliani said Sunday, referring to a June 2016 Trump Tower meeting

involving Trump's son Donald Jr., son-in-law Jared Kushner and former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort and a lawyer linked to Russia. The Trump campaign was seeking harmful information on Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. The Sunday news shows offered the latest back and forth following the long-anticipated release on Thursday of Mueller's 448-page redacted report on his two-year investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election. Mueller found no evidence of a conspiracy between Russia and the Trump campaign and made no decision on obstruction of justice.

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In this Aug. 1, 2018, file photo, Rudy Giuliani, an attorney for President Donald Trump, speaks in Portsmouth, N.H. In this Aug. 1, 2018, file photo, Rudy Giuliani, an attorney for President Donald Trump, speaks in Portsmouth, N.H.

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Giuliani rebutted Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, who said in a statement on Twitter Friday he was "sickened" by the findings in Mueller's report that cited details on

how the Trump campaign welcomed political dirt from Russia.

Giuliani said Romney should "stop the bull," saying that accepting negative information about a political opponent is common. "I

would have advised, just out of excess of caution, don't do it," he said. Nevertheless, "there's no crime." Pressed about whether there is something wrong about using information stolen by foreign adversaries, Giuliani said, "It depends on the stolen material."

Trump, who spent the holiday weekend at his private Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach, Florida, asserted in tweets Sunday that he had been fully cleared by Mueller's report and that Democrats' continued efforts to investigate him will prove politically costly.

"Despite No Collusion, No Obstruction, The Radical Left Democrats do not want to go on to Legislate for the good of the people, but only to Investigate and waste time. This is costing our Country greatly, and will cost the Dems big time in 2020!" he tweeted. Mueller explicitly did not exonerate Trump in the report on the question of obstruction, citing in part Justice Department guidelines that a sitting president shouldn't be indicted.

Not ruling out impeachment, Rep. Jerrold Nadler, who chairs the House committee that would hold impeachment hearings, said he remained puzzled why Mueller did not bring charges of criminal conspiracy against those in the Trump Tower meeting.

"All you have to prove for conspiracy is that they entered into a meeting of the minds to do something wrong and had one overt act. They entered into a meeting of the minds to attend a meeting to get stolen material on Hillary

(Clinton). They went to the meeting. That's conspiracy right there," said Nadler, D-N.Y.

Nadler said it was now up to Congress to investigate after the special counsel said it did not establish enough evidence to bring charges of criminal conspiracy, yet detailed 10 allegations of Trump's attempts to obstruct the Russia investigation that left open whether Trump broke the law.

Asked whether the offenses are impeachable, Nadler told NBC, "If proven, some of this would be impeachable, yes." He said Democrats' current focus is to "go where the evidence leads us."

Nadler has subpoenaed the Justice Department for the full, unredacted report and said Sunday he was adding former White House counsel Don McGahn to the list of people he would call to testify before his committee, along with Mueller and Attorney General William Barr.

According to the special counsel's report, McGahn was among the Trump aides who effectively halted Trump's efforts to influence the Russia investigation, rebuffing his demand to set Mueller's firing in motion.

Nadler has said he expects the Justice Department to comply with the subpoena for the full report by May 1, the same day Barr is to testify before a Senate committee and one day before Barr is to appear before Nadler's panel. Nadler summoned Mueller to testify by May 23.

Democratic leaders are under mounting pressure from the party's rising stars

and some 2020 presidential contenders, including Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Julian Castro, a former Housing and Urban Development secretary, to start impeachment proceedings.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., is pushing for a step-by-step approach to the House's oversight of Trump and has refused to consider impeachment without public support, including Republicans. Pelosi is convening House Democrats on Monday to assess next steps.

Sen. Mike Lee, a member of the Judiciary Committee, said it would be a "mistake" for Democrats to pursue further investigations that could lead to impeachment proceedings, arguing that the American public won't stand for it after Mueller failed to conclude that crimes had been committed.

"It's time to move on," said Lee, R-Utah.

Giuliani said Trump's legal team was weighing whether it would release a detailed written rebuttal to the Mueller report.

"It may become necessary, whether they go ahead with the hearings or not, whether other issues are raised by different people — there's probably a point at which we'll use it. Right now we think the public debate is playing out about as well as it can," he said.

In the redacted report, Mueller said he considered bringing charges over the Trump Tower meeting but ultimately did not obtain admissible evidence that the campaign officials involved knew the actions were illegal. □

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Top court skeptical of paper's argument over food stamp data

By JESSICA GRESKO

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday seemed inclined to rule against a South Dakota newspaper seeking data about the government's food assistance program,

each store that participates in the government's \$65 billion-a-year Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

The Argus Leader says the data is public and shows citizens how the govern-

ment is spending their tax money. A supermarket trade association opposing the information's release argues it is confidential. At arguments, both conservative and liberal justices suggested skepticism about the Argus Leader's contention on the meaning of the word "confidential." As a result, the newspaper's

best hope of winning may rest on a question about the group that brought the case to the high court, the Food Marketing Institute, a supermarket trade association. Justice Sonia Sotomayor suggested that the

group didn't have the right to pursue the case. The issue she raised has to do with the fact that the Argus Leader's request for information was made to the U.S. government, and it was the government that initial-

ly blocked the information's release and defended that decision in court. But after a court ruled against the government, it said it would not pursue the case further and would instead release the information. □



Food Marketing Institute lawyer Evan Young speaks to reporters outside the Supreme Court after the high court heard arguments in the supermarket trade association's case Monday, April 22, 2019, in Washington.

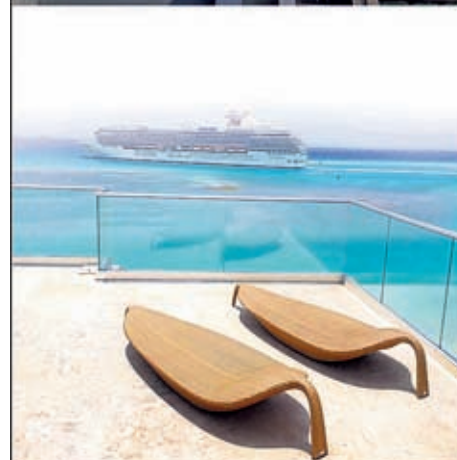
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The high court was hearing arguments in a case originally brought by the Argus Leader newspaper, which is owned by USA Today publisher Gannett and is the largest newspaper in South Dakota. The paper wants to know how much money goes annually to

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Trump, business organization sue Democratic House chairman

By ERIC TUCKER and JONATHAN LEMIRE

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump and his business organization sued the Democratic chairman of the House oversight committee on Monday to block a subpoena that seeks years of the president's financial records.

The complaint became the latest front in the intensifying battle between the president and the Democrats who control the House of Representatives and are committed to investigating Trump and his finances. The complaint, filed in federal court in Washington, said the subpoena from Rep. Elijah Cummings "has no legitimate legislative purpose" and accuses Democrats of



President Donald Trump, right, waves as he and first lady Melania Trump board Air Force One prior to departure from Palm Beach International Airport, Sunday, April 21, 2019, in West Palm Beach Fla.

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harassing Trump and wielding their new majority in Congress to try to stain the president's standing. "Instead of working with the President to pass bipartisan

legislation that would actually benefit Americans, House Democrats are singularly obsessed with finding something they can use to damage the Presi-

dent politically," the lawsuit states.

Cummings, a Maryland Democrat and chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, issued the subpoena earlier this month to Mazars USA, an accountant for the president and Trump Organization. He said Monday that the complaint "reads more like political talking points than a reasoned legal brief, and it contains a litany of inaccurate information."

"The President has a long history of trying to use baseless lawsuits to attack his adversaries, but there is simply no valid legal basis to interfere with this duly authorized subpoena from Congress," Cummings said. "The White House is engaged in unprecedented stonewalling on all fronts, and they have refused to produce a single document or witness to the Oversight Committee during this entire year."

The lawsuit accuses Cummings of failing to consult with Republicans on the panel before issuing the subpoena and says he relied on the testimony of Trump's former personal attorney, Michael Cohen, who told lawmakers in February that some of Trump's financial statements contained inaccuracies. Cohen pleaded guilty last year to lying to Congress in 2017 about a real estate deal involving Trump in Moscow.

"The Cohen hearing was a partisan stunt, not a good-faith effort to obtain accurate testimony from a reliable witness," the lawsuit says.

The suit, in a sense, amounts to Trump — the leader of the executive branch of government — asking the judicial branch to stop the legislative branch from investigating his past. To do

so would break decades of precedent, which established that the legislature's investigative power is not limited to just researching possible legislation. Trump advisers have argued that the newest requests are fishing expeditions, broad-based inquiries meant to extend beyond what should be in the investigators' purview in order to embarrass Trump and could set a dangerous precedent for future chief executives.

The complaint also says the subpoena seeks to investigate events that occurred before Trump was president and "has no legitimate legislative purpose." It says, "Democrats are using their new control of congressional committees to investigate every aspect of President Trump's personal finances, businesses, and even his family."

Jay Sekulow, one of Trump's lawyers, said in a statement Monday that "we will not allow presidential harassment to go unanswered." Neither the White House nor Trump Organization responded to requests for comment.

The lawsuit comes amid a widespread effort by the White House and the president's attorneys to refuse to cooperate with congressional requests for information and records.

Earlier this month, the Treasury Department missed a deadline to hand over Trump's tax returns to the House Ways and Means Committee. A new deadline was set for Tuesday but there has been no indication that Trump's team plans to cooperate. A White House spokesman referred requests for comment to one of the president's personal attorneys, who did not immediately respond. □

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Case dismissed for 3 students who protested border agents

By JACQUES BILLEAUD

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PHOENIX (AP) — Charges were dismissed against three students involved in a protest of U.S. Border Patrol agents at the University of Arizona that was captured on video.

The case was dismissed Friday at the request of prosecutors after they after learned the university will conduct an administrative investigation into the March 19 protest in Tucson, said Amelia Cramer, chief deputy for the Pima County Attorney's Office, noting the students could face punishments if they're found to have violated the university's code of conduct.

The video shows a student standing in a hallway as two Border Patrols agents spoke inside a classroom to a student law-enforcement club, which had invited the agents to speak. The protester repeatedly referred to the Border Patrol as the "murder patrol."

"This is supposed to be a safe space for students, but they allow an extension of

the KKK into campus," said the student, who later declined an invitation to join the group inside the classroom.

Other students later joined in the chants of "murder patrol" as the agents walked out of the classroom and were followed to parking garage where they left in an SUV.

The video footage sparked anger among members of the union that represents Border Patrol agents. A few days later, the university announced that two students were being charged with interference with the peaceful conduct of an educational institution for their role in the protest. The third student was later charged.

Supporters say the three students — Denisse Moreno Melchor, Mariel Alexandra Bustamante and Marianna Ariel Coles-Curtis — had free speech rights to protest the agents' presence. They started an online campaign to drop the case and staged demonstrations in Tucson. A protest planned for Monday outside Pima



This April 10, 2019, file photo shows supporters of three University of Arizona students who were charged with a misdemeanor for their part in a protest of two Border Patrol agents on the university's Tucson campus.

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County Consolidated Justice Court, where the three were scheduled to be arraigned, has been called off.

In separate interviews Monday, the three students

attributed the dismissal to pressure that their supporters put on authorities, including a flood of phone calls to the county attorney's office.

Bustamante said she be-

lieves the charges were a response from pressure that the Border Patrol union put on the university. "It seems like they wanted to make an example of us," Bustamante said. □

Appeals court nixes condo's coed swimming restrictions

TOMS RIVER, N.J. (AP) — A federal appeals court has ruled that a New Jersey condominium association violated women's rights by setting separate swimming hours for male and female residents.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the schedule adopted by A Country Place's condominium association was "plainly unequal in its allotment of favorable swimming times."

The Lakewood condominium complex, which serves people 55 or older, restricts swimming by gender at certain times in accord with Jewish law that prohibits men and women from bathing together. Orthodox Jewish residents made up about two thirds

of residents, but several non-Orthodox homeowners sued in 2016 after being fined \$50 each after refusing to abide by the rules.

A judge ruled in January that the separate swim hours weren't discriminatory because they applied to both sexes equally, but the appeals court overturned that decision Monday.

Under the rules, men and women were only allowed in the pool together for two hours on weekdays and all day Saturday, when, the court noted, "Orthodox residents would not go swimming on the Jewish Sabbath." An attorney for the condominium association didn't immediately return an email seeking comment. □



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Back to Earth: Washington set to allow 'human composting'

By RACHEL LA CORTE

Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) —

Washington appears set to become the first state to allow a burial alternative known as "natural organic reduction" — an accelerated decomposition process that turns bodies into soil within weeks.

The bill legalizing the process, sometimes referred to as "human composting," has passed the Legislature and is headed to the desk of Democratic Gov. Jay Inslee.

If signed by Inslee, the new law would take effect May 1, 2020. Inslee spokeswoman Jaime Smith said that while the governor's office is still reviewing the bill, "this seems like a thoughtful effort to soften our footprint" on the Earth.

The measure's sponsor, Democratic Sen. Jamie Pedersen of Seattle, said that the low environmental impact way to dispose of remains makes sense, es-



In this Friday, April 19, 2019, photo Katrina Spade, the founder and CEO of Recompose, displays a sample of the compost material left from the decomposition of a cow, using a combination of wood chips, alfalfa and straw, as she poses in a cemetery in Seattle.

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pecially in crowded urban areas.

The natural organic reduction process yields a cubic yard (0.76 cubic meters) of

soil per body — enough to fill about two large wheelbarrows. Pedersen said that the same laws that apply to scattered cremated remains apply to the soil: Relatives can keep the soil in urns, use it to plant a tree on private property or spread it on public land in the state as long as they comply with existing permissions regarding remains. "It is sort of astonishing that you have this completely universal human experience — we're all going to die — and here's an area where technology has done nothing for us. We have the two means of disposing of human bodies that we've had for thousands of years, burying and burning," Pedersen said. "It just seems like an area that

is ripe for having technology help give us some better options than we have used."

Pedersen said an entrepreneurial constituent whose study of the process became her master's thesis brought the idea to him. Katrina Spade, the founder and CEO of Recompose, was a graduate student in architecture at University of Massachusetts Amherst when she came up with the idea — modeling it on a practice farmers have used for decades to dispose of livestock. She modified that process a bit, and found that the use of wood chips, alfalfa and straw creates a mixture of nitrogen and carbon that accelerates natural decomposition when a body

is placed in a temperature and moisture-controlled vessel and rotated.

Six human bodies — all donors who Spade said wanted to be part of this study — were reduced to soil during a pilot project at Washington State University last year. The transformation from body to soil took between four and seven weeks, Spade said.

A price for the service hasn't yet been set, but the Recompose website states that the company's "goal is to build a sustainable business to make recomposition a permanent death care option, serve people for decades to come, and make our services available to all who want them." According to the Cremation Association of North America, Washington state's cremation rate is the highest in the nation. More than 78 percent of those who died in the state in 2017 were cremated, and that number is expected to increase to more than 82 percent in 2022.

Rob Goff, executive director of the Washington State Funeral Directors Association, said his group has been getting questions about the new process, and Spade has been a speaker at a series of recent district meetings of the association.

"To be able to provide more options for people's choices is a very exciting thing," he said. Spade said that she doesn't want to replace cremation or burial, but instead offer a meaningful alternative that is also environmentally friendly. □

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New York outbreaks drive U.S. measles count up to 626

By MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Outbreaks in New York state continue to drive up the number of U.S. measles cases, which are approaching levels not seen in 25 years. Health officials say 71 more cases were reported last week, with 68 of them from

New York. That brings this year's total to 626. That is already the most since 2014, when 667 were reported for the whole year. The most before that was 963 cases in 1994. Twenty-two states have reported cases, but the vast majority have been in New York — mainly in New York

City and in nearby Rockland County. Most of the New York cases have been unvaccinated people in Orthodox Jewish communities.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the latest numbers Monday. □



This March 27, 2019 file photo shows a sign explaining the local state of emergency because of a measles outbreak at the Rockland County Health Department in Pomona, N.Y.



Authorities investigate at the crash scene of a twin-engine Beechcraft BE58, Monday, April 22, 2019, near Kerrville, Texas.

Officials say 6 people died in Texas small plane crash

DALLAS (AP) — A man who was part-owner of a plane that crashed Monday in Texas, killing all six people aboard, said he and his friend who owned the plane regularly volunteered to fly sick people in remote parts of the country to hospitals in Houston and Dallas. Officials have not yet released the identities of the six aboard the aircraft when it crashed into the rocky hills of a central Texas ranch, according to authorities, while preparing to land. Charles Morina of Dallas told The Associated Press that he did not know if his partner was among those aboard, nor did he know what caused the crash. The twin-engine aircraft went down just before 9 a.m. as it approached an airport in Kerrville, a city about 70 miles (110 kilometers) northwest of San An-

tonio, according to Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Lynn Lunsford. The pilot and the five other people aboard the plane were all killed, said Sgt. Orlando Moreno, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety. State law enforcement officials secured the crash site ahead of FAA and National Transportation Safety Board investigators' arrival Monday. The Beechcraft BE58 took off from an airport outside Houston earlier Monday and crashed about 6 miles (10 kilometers) northwest of Kerrville Municipal Airport, Lunsford said. The flight was not a scheduled commercial route, he said. The downed plane was a manufactured by Raytheon Aircraft in 1999 and was co-owned by two people, according to FAA records. The cause of the crash hasn't been determined. □

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Spain's rural regions become fierce battleground for votes

By ARITZ PARRA
Associated Press

LA BIENVENIDA, Spain (AP)

— Spanish politicians are swapping campaign buses for tractors, buddying up with hunters and inspecting home-grown tomatoes in Spain's often-neglected rural regions as they hunt for votes in Sunday's general election, one of the country's most polarized votes in decades.

The ballot comes as Spain's traditional bipartisan political landscape — which used to revolve around the center-left Socialists and the conservative Popular Party — has fractured into five main political parties, including a far-right populist newcomer. That has spurred a race for votes in Spain's overrepresented hinterland, where nearly one-third of the seats in parliament's lower house are up for grabs.

Spain's electoral rules grant a bigger say in parliament's lower house to provinces with shrinking populations. A few thousand votes in these areas can swing a win for one party or another, turning the "every vote counts" cliché into a reality for candidates far from the big cities.

That doesn't mean these politicians are getting a warm welcome.

Marcy Jurado, 64, lives in central Spain's Alcadia valley, surrounded by pastures dotted with holm oaks, with her husband and son, the only remaining residents in the village of La Bienvenida. She's wary of politicians knocking on farmers' doors. "All I wish is that they don't forget about us once the elections are over," she



In this April 10, 2019 photo, farmers attend a meeting with Spanish far right party Vox at a bar in Brazatortas, on the edge of the Alcadia valley, central Spain.

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said.

Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez is the politician most favored by the splintering of Spain's right wing into three parties. But his ability to stay in office hinges not just on how well the front-running Socialist party does in the national vote but also on how his divided opposition performs. Sánchez or others will likely need the backing of other parties to form a coalition government, making the race for rural votes even more critical.

Spanish politicians across the political spectrum are seeking both photos of themselves in muddy boots and headlines promising more investments for rural jobs, better internet access and more local schools and health care centers. Nestled at the top of a hill, La Bienvenida has gone from having 50 families only

20 years ago to seeing "for sale" signs on house after house. A 37-year-old dairy farmer is the breadwinner in the only inhabited house, and also Jurado's only reason to stay.

"If my son loses his job, I'm done with it, I'll leave," said the retired truck driver. "The days are hard and long enough for somebody who enjoys company."

Her wish list for lawmakers has two items: Make sure pensions keep up with inflation and create more jobs for the young.

At a state-of-the-art game preserve down the road, a provincial candidate from the far-right Vox party was telling people that his upstart party will unapologetically defend hunting against "lefties, ecologists and animalists who tell rural dwellers how to live their lives."

Ricardo Chamorro, a law-

yer, fell out with the Popular Party and embraced the nationalist populism of Vox, whose program echoes the "take back control" mantra of populist movements across the globe. The party vows to defend Spain from Muslims, communists and Catalan separatists, who held a defiant secession referendum in 2017, unleashing a wave of Spanish nationalism.

"We are committed to rural Spain, which sees the money flowing to richer areas that are being disloyal to the nation," Chamorro said to applause from three dozen farmers who gathered under stuffed boar and deer trophies at a bar in Brazatortas, on the edge of the Alcadia valley.

Barring any last-minute surprises, Vox is poised to grab 29 to 37 deputies in Spain's 350-seat national parliament on Sunday, a big

splash for a party that only last year made its first big advance with a win in the regional election in Andalusia, a Socialist stronghold. With nearly 400,000 voters in a country of 37 million, the rural Ciudad Real province is a mirror of national politics. In the last general election in 2016, three of the five deputies chosen here went to the Popular Party and two to the Socialists. This year, polls are predicting at least two seats for the Socialists and one for the Popular Party, with the remaining two up for grabs among four parties, including the center-right Citizens Party and the Vox party.

Only the anti-austerity Unidas Podemos party seems to be left out in the province, according to the latest polls. At the national level, Podemos could lose up to 15 deputies from rural areas in Sunday's vote.

Blanca Fernández, Ciudad Real's 41-year-old Socialist candidate, said politicians and the media are victimizing the countryside.

"It bothers me deeply when people (politicians) climb onto tractors in a forced manner," she said. "It's an insult to those who live here." What the Socialists want, she said, "is for anybody in Spain to have access to services in comparable quality conditions, no matter where they live. And that means more opportunities in rural areas."

"There's no future for the farmland without women or schools," she said.

During two straight days of campaigning, Fernández and Chamorro listened to similar concerns. □

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Libyan force slows Tripoli push over concerns for civilians

By **BOUAZZA BIN BOUAZZA**
SAMY MAGDY

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — A self-styled Libyan army slowed down its push on the country's capital over concerns for civilians caught up in the violence, as the U.N. refugee agency said Monday that the fighting for Tripoli has displaced more than 32,000 people. Fighting erupted on April 5, pitting the self-styled Libyan National Army, led by commander Khalifa Hifter and aligned with a rival government in the east, against militias affiliated with Tripoli's U.N.-supported government.

The clashes threaten to ig-



Abdelhadi al-Houij, Haftar's Minister of Foreign Affairs, speaks during an interview with The Associated Press, Sunday, April 21, 2019, in Tunis, Tunisia.

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nite a new civil war in Libya on the scale of the 2011 uprising that toppled and

killed longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi. The U.N. envoy for Libya,

Ghassan Salame, said Monday that "divisions that prevail in the international community over the Libyan problem" are impeding efforts to impose a cease-fire. He spoke at a press conference following a meeting in Tunisia with the country's minister of foreign affairs. Hifter has received aid from the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Russia and France. On Friday, President Donald Trump spoke with the Libyan commander by phone. A White House statement said "the two discussed a shared vision for Libya's transition to a stable, democratic political system." The death toll from this

month's fighting climbed to 264, including combatants and civilians, the World Health Organization said Monday. It said 1,266 people had been wounded. Since launching his push, which many see as a power grab for Tripoli, Hifter's forces have captured the districts of Gharyan and Qasr Bani Ghashir along with several smaller towns. They also seized the capital's shuttered old airport. Fighting is now underway for control of Ain Zara and Azizya, two larger towns near Tripoli, and in the Abu Salim district, about 7 kilometers (4 miles) from Tripoli's center. □

Cyprus lake, mineshaft searched for bodies after 2 found

By **MENELAOS HADJICOSTIS**
NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) —

Police investigators in Cyprus searched a flooded mineshaft and a lake Monday in their investigation of the killings of two women and the disappearance of the 6-year-old daughter of one of the victims. The bodies of two women were found in the abandoned mineshaft six days apart. The first, discovered April 14, was the mother of the missing child, a 38-year-old Filipino woman, police said. The second body was

found April 20; the victim's identity has not been confirmed yet, authorities said. A 35-year-old Cypriot military officer is in custody and faces charges of premeditated murder and kidnapping with intent to commit premeditated murder. A law enforcement official said that during questioning the officer admitted killing the women. The searches of the mineshaft and the lake were for the missing girl, but investigators had not ruled out there being more possible victims of the man in cus-

tody, the official said. The official spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to publicly disclose details of the case. The state-run Cyprus News Agency reported that investigators said at a court hearing that the man in custody told investigators he met the second victim online and strangled her after they had sex. The search of the mineshaft will resume once inspectors make sure it is safe for crews to enter, he said. □



A Cypriot police officer, left, stands near the flooded mineshaft where two female bodies were found, outside of Mitsero village, near the capital Nicosia, Cyprus, Monday, April 22, 2019.

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Easter Sunday bomb blasts kill more than 200 in Sri Lanka

By **BHARATHA MALLA-WARACHI**

KRISHAN FRANCIS
Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Nine bombings of churches, luxury hotels and other sites on Easter Sunday killed more than 200 people and wounded hundreds more in Sri Lanka's deadliest violence since a devastating civil war in the South Asian island nation ended a decade ago.

Defense Minister Ruwan Wijewardena described the blasts as a terrorist attack by religious extremists, and police said 13 suspects were arrested, though there was no immediate claim of responsibility. Wijewardena said most of the bombings were believed to have been suicide attacks.



Sri Lankan army soldiers secure the area around St. Sebastian's Church damaged in blast in Negombo, north of Colombo, Sri Lanka, Sunday, April 21, 2019.

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The explosions — mostly in or around Colombo, the capital — collapsed ceilings and blew out windows, killing worshippers and hotel guests in one scene after another of

smoke, soot, blood, broken glass, screams and wailing alarms. Victims were carried out of blood-spattered pews.

"People were being dragged out," said Bhannuka Harischandra, of Colombo, a 24-year-old founder of a tech marketing company who was going to the Shangri-La Hotel for a meeting when it was bombed. "People didn't know what was going on. It was panic mode."

He added: "There was blood everywhere." Most of those killed were Sri Lankans. But the three bombed hotels and one of the churches, St. Anthony's Shrine, are frequented by foreign tourists, and Sri Lanka's Foreign Ministry said the bodies of at least 27 foreigners from a variety of countries were recovered. The U.S. said "several" Americans were among the dead, while Britain, China, Japan and Portugal said they, too, lost citizens.

The Sri Lankan government imposed a nationwide curfew from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. and blocked most social media including Facebook and YouTube, saying it needed to curtail the spread of false information and ease tension in the

country of about 21 million people.

Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said he feared the massacre could trigger instability in Sri Lanka, and he vowed to "vest all necessary powers with the defense forces" to take action against those responsible. The Archbishop of Colombo, Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith, called on Sri Lanka's government to "mercilessly" punish those responsible "because only animals can behave like that."

Police spokesman Ruwan Gunasekara said at least 207 people were killed and 450 wounded. He said police found a safe house and a van used by the attackers.

The scale of the bloodshed recalled the worst days of Sri Lanka's 26-year civil war, in which the Tamil Tigers, a rebel group from the ethnic Tamil minority, sought independence from the Buddhist-majority country. The Tamils are Hindu, Muslim and Christian.

Sri Lanka, situated off the southern tip of India, is about 70 percent Buddhist. Scattered incidents of anti-Christian harassment have occurred in recent years, but nothing on the scale of what happened Sunday. There is also no history of violent Muslim militants in Sri Lanka. However, tensions have been running high more recently between hard-line Buddhist monks and Muslims.

Two Muslim groups in Sri Lanka condemned the church attacks, as did countries around the world, and Pope Francis expressed condolences at the end of his traditional Easter Sunday blessing in Rome.

"I want to express my loving closeness to the Christian community, targeted

while they were gathered in prayer, and all the victims of such cruel violence," Francis said.

Six nearly simultaneous blasts took place in the morning at the shrine and the Cinnamon Grand, Shangri-La and Kingsbury hotels in Colombo, as well as at two churches outside Colombo, according to a Sri Lankan military spokesman, Brig. Sumith Atapattu. A few hours later, two more blasts occurred just outside Colombo, one of them at a guesthouse, where two people were killed, the other near an overpass, Atapattu said.

Also, three police officers were killed during a search at a suspected safe house on the outskirts of Colombo when its occupants apparently detonated explosives to prevent arrest, authorities said.

The Shangri-La's second-floor restaurant was gutted, with the ceiling and windows blown out. Loose wires hung down and tables were overturned in the blackened space. From outside the police cordon, three bodies could be seen covered in white sheets.

Foreign tourists hurriedly used their cellphones to text family and loved ones that they were OK. Visitors from around the world come to Sri Lanka to see elephants, tea plantations, ancient Buddhist monuments and other sights.

"I had a sense that the country was turning the corner, and in particular those in the tourism industry were hopeful for the future," said tourist Peter Kelson, a technology manager from Sydney. "Apart from the tragedy of the immediate victims of the bombings, I worry that these terrible events will set the country back significantly." □

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Philippine quake knocks over building; at least 3 dead

By BULLIT MARQUEZ

Associated Press

PORAC, Philippines (AP) —

A strong earthquake killed three people and trapped at several others Monday in a collapsed building that housed a supermarket in a northern Philippine province, where an international airport terminal was closed due to damage, officials said.

Mayor Condralito dela Cruz of Porac town in Pampanga province, north of Manila, said rescuers pulled two survivors from the collapsed building, where other trapped people could be heard screaming for help as rescuers struggled to save them.

An Associated Press photographer saw a third survivor and the body of a woman being extricated by rescuers from the rubble late Monday. The rescue work picked up pace after four cranes arrived at the scene, where Red Cross volunteers, police and soldiers helped out.

A child was one of two dead people pulled out from the rubble earlier in the day. The leg of one of the two survivors had to be amputated to extricate him, Porac Councilor Maynard Lapid said, adding that at least eight trapped people could be heard pleading for help at one point.

"One of the trapped was seen waving for help from behind a glass window but we cannot see him now," Lapid told The Associated Press by telephone.

At least 31 people remained unaccounted for at the collapsed Chuzon supermarket, based on a rough accounting of its employees, although some could have been elsewhere when the earthquake struck, Lapid said.

The four-story building crashed down when the 6.1 magnitude quake shook Pampanga as well as several other provinces and the capital, Manila, on the main northern island of Luzon. The quake was caused by movement in a local fault at a depth of 12 kilometers (8 miles) near the northwestern town of Castillejos in Zambales province, said Renato Solidum, who heads the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology.

"People told me that the ground moved like waves," Lapid said.

The U.S. Geological Survey's preliminary estimate is that more than 49 million people were exposed to some shaking from the earthquake, with more than 14 million people likely to feel moderate shaking or more. Pampanga Gov. Lilia Pineda told DZMM radio that she had received reports that the quake left at least eight people dead in her province, a rice-growing agricultural region, but could not provide details. Cellphone signals were erratic in the province.

The quake also damaged an airport terminal at Clark freeport, a former U.S. Air Force base, and an old Roman Catholic church in Pampanga, and caused cracks in highways and bridges, Pineda and other officials said.

Clark airport was closed temporarily because of damaged check-in counters, ceilings and parts of the departure area, airport official Jaime Melo said, adding that seven people were slightly injured and more than 100 flights were canceled.

In Manila, hundreds of office workers dashed out of buildings in panic, some wearing hard hats, and

residents ran out of houses. Dozens of aftershocks were recorded. The Philippines, one of the world's most disaster-prone countries, has frequent earthquakes and volcanic eruptions because of its location on the Pacific "Ring of Fire," a seismically active arc of volcanoes and fault lines in the Pacific Basin. A magnitude 7.7 quake killed nearly 2,000 people in the northern Philippines in 1990. □



Workers continue rescue operations on people still trapped inside a collapsed building at Porac town, Pampanga province, northern Philippines Monday, April 22, 2019.

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Mexican police detain hundreds of Central American migrants

By SONIA PÉREZ D.

Associated Press

PIJIJAPAN, Mexico (AP)

— Mexican police and immigration agents detained hundreds of Central American migrants Monday in the largest single raid on a migrant caravan since the groups started moving through the country last year.

Police targeted isolated groups at the tail end of a caravan of about 3,000 migrants who were making their way through the southern state of Chiapas with hopes of reaching the U.S. border.

As migrants gathered under spots of shade in the burning heat outside the city of Pijijapan, federal police and agents passed by in patrol trucks and vans and forcibly wrestled women, men and children into the vehicles.

The migrants were driven to buses, presumably for subsequent transportation to an immigration station for deportation processing. As many as 500 migrants might have been picked



A Central American migrant is detained by Mexican immigration agents on the highway to Pijijapan, Mexico, Monday, April 22, 2019.

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up in the raid, according to Associated Press journalists at the scene.

Some of the women and children wailed and screamed during the detentions on the roadside. Clothes, shoes, suitcases

and strollers littered the scene after they were taken away.

Kevin Escobar, a 27-year-old from Honduras, was one of about 500 migrants who fled onto private property to avoid immigration

agents. Sitting on the property, he yelled to them: "Why do you want to arrest me?"

Escobar vowed that he will never return to his hometown of San Pedro Sula, saying "the gangs are kid-

napping everyone back there."

Agents had encouraged groups of migrants that separated from the bulk of the caravan to rest after some seven hours on the road, including about half of that under a broiling sun. When the migrants regrouped to continue, they were detained.

Agents positioned themselves at the head of the group and at the back. Some people in civilian clothing appeared to be participating in the detentions.

After seeing what happened, some migrants began walking in dense groupings and picked up stones and sticks.

Officials from the National Human Rights Commission observed the action from a distance.

"We are documenting what is happening," said Jesús Salvador Quintana, a commission official. "We cannot tell authorities in charge what to do, but yes, we are documenting and we will investigate." □

In Venezuela, women sell hair as another way to get by



Nelly Navarro sits with her kids Nerianny and Luis in a beauty salon where she came to consult how much money she could get for her hair, in Caracas, Venezuela, Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

Associated Press

By FABIOLA SANCHEZ

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Valery Díaz covered her eyes and held her breath before looking in a hair salon mirror to see herself without much of the long dark hair that used to frame her face.

The 16-year-old student was paid \$100 for the shorn hair,

money she'll use to help her family and buy a cellphone at a time when Venezuela's sharp economic decline has led to shortages of food and medicine, and hyperinflation has made salaries nearly worthless.

Increasing numbers of women in poor neighborhoods are selling their hair for use in wigs and exten-

sions as the demands of daily survival force them to abandon the kind of self-care long an obsession with a country known globally for its success in beauty pageants. Seven Miss Universe winners have been Venezuelans, as have six Miss Worlds.

Some women are washing their hair with dishwashing liquid because they can't afford to buy shampoo that costs more than the minimum monthly salary, now equivalent to just a few dollars. Many have to adapt to make personal care products last longer, with no sign of an end to a crisis that has pushed more than 3 million Venezuelans — one-tenth of the population — to leave the country in recent years.

Díaz gazed silently at the mirror and attempted a positive spin on the loss of locks that she had worn since she was a young child. She described herself

as feeling "light" and said it had been hard to maintain her flowing hair in the past. "There are times when you go two or three weeks without washing your hair," she said, alluding to frequent water shortages in past weeks, caused by nationwide blackouts that shut off water pumps.

Her mother, Yeny Gómez, laughed nervously and tried to buoy her daughter's spirits.

"You don't notice it," Gómez, a 43-year-old teacher, said of the drastic haircut. Despite sacrificing her hair, Díaz said she still tries to buy cosmetics, using money she earns from making and selling bracelets.

But Gómez said she hasn't bought lipstick or any other cosmetics for more than a year because she's saving whatever money she earns to get food for her and her two daughters. Beauty care has become secondary for most Venezuelans,

she said.

Carmen Merchani, a 49-year-old hairdresser, knows that well. After decades of cutting and styling hair, she said things have never been worse and she's had to adapt to maintain her salon on one of the steep hills of Catia, a Caracas district. About a year ago, Merchani said, she started to do barter deals with her clients, getting food in exchange for hair stylings, manicures and pedicures.

Local shops that sell beauty products are also reinventing themselves to stay afloat. International cosmetics brands have disappeared from storefronts, replaced by cheaper goods from China as well as locally made products that use honey and other ingredients.

Díaz said she still dreams of becoming a Miss Venezuela someday, when "my hair grows again." □

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Celebrating Happy Hilton Affairs



PALM BEACH — Just before Easter Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino threw a wonderful party event at their newly renovated Morris Lapidus Grand Ballroom last Wednesday. Reason for the celebration was the appreciation to be shown to their customers. The Hilton family for sure know the skills of pampering.

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A delicious buffet with hors d'oeuvres and finger food offered fresh prepared seafood, salads and meat options in combination with an open bar and Moët & Chandon champagne all night long. The ballroom was filled, but not packed with sufficient space to sit either at a table or lounge set or take your pose at a standing table. The invites were dressed very elegant, adding to the sparkling and happy night where mouth-melting food, nice drinks and good music made a perfect cocktail. Live band Buleria was the surprise of the night and made sure that the dancefloor was filled in an instant. This was clearly a successful night, a Happy Hilton Affair! ☐

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Episode XV

Petroglyphs of Siribana, Santa Cruz - Aruba

ORANJESTAD — Long before writing was developed, people recorded events, ideas, plans, and feelings by marking them on a rock. Sometimes they carved into the stone. Sometimes they scratched off a surface coating. Sometimes they painted on the rocks. The method that they used was typically determined by the availability of color pigments to be used as paint, the hardness of the rocks, and the availability of tools that could be used to produce their message.



All of these markings are referred to as "Rock Art." People worldwide have been producing rock art for thousands of years. Some of their messages can still be seen today. The oldest are usually found in rock shelters and caves where they are protected from the wind, rain, salt and sun light. However, in arid climates as ours some examples of rock art have persisted for ten to fifteen thousand years, depending upon how the art was produced, the direction that it faces, and the type of rock used as a "canvas."

There are two basic types of rock art at this particular site, petroglyphs and pictographs. Petroglyph is an image that is carved into a rock. This "carving" can produce a visible indentation in the rock, or it can simply be the scratching away of a weathered surface to reveal unweathered rock of a different color below. The two headed deity of the legendary twins is carved into pinkish granite exposing the more gray colored stone, shown here near the top of this article is one of the Siribana site petroglyph. The prehistoric artist must have scratched the surface of the rock with probably a lithic tool. This work produced an indentation in the rock and also exposed an unweathered material of lighter color below.

This next petroglyphs shown, is a recurring design of which we find back on various sites on the Island and else ware, whether as pictograph or like here as a petroglyph. This drawing is referred to, as a portal design, a door way a hole in the sky in which you could be transported in to the spiritual world. Siribana rock formation that lies some 1500 meters north-east

of the Catholic Church of Santa Cruz, it's very beautiful and in the open air place where starry nights and full moons assemblies were held, honoring the sky spirits. It does not show many big Batholith boulders upon the surface as at other sites illustrated in our previous articles. However these boulders are present, but not visible since most of them are under ground level and what we can observe is merely the tips or heads of the emerging boulders out of the ground level. Siribana is the only known site that we can depict Petroglyph on the whole island. Petroglyphs, as described earlier are designs that have been scratched, carved or chiseled on the rock surface, exposing the less weathered rock, in this case lighter colored stone, which on its part gives the expression its contrast. A stone that has been long exposed to the elements tends to have form a different outer layer or crust color.

The particular incision in this rock looks very similar to one pictograph representing the Hopi Bow clan, keepers of the fire in Arizona, United States. However we did not receive confirmation till now, whether this carving shown on this picture above was considered to be recent carving by modern Arubans or that it has been completely ignored by experts.

During the course of a few decades, this site has become almost impossible to reach. This due to the less hospitable conditions that have formed in relation to former access routes for visitors. A very difficult terrain to it has become when going up from the southern road for the less experienced outdoors men. A thick xero-



phytic vegetation has covering a great part of what used to be old paths use by the natives to climb up to these mystical grounds since bay gone times. The vegetation has taking over wherever it could. This phenomenon, of xenophiles over growth has in become a great problem and very much covered

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On **Wednesdays** Bohemian offers a special night with **live Flamenco singer Angela Baidez**. From 7 PM Spanish Paella and much more is on the menu, of course with pairing wines. The beautiful garden of Bohemian will be filled with lights, good food and live music in an

intimate, hip and offbeat ambience. Catchy Rumba Gitana and dramatic Spanish ballads combine with the passionately prepared dishes to tickle your taste buds to the max. **Fridays and Saturdays DJ's play** from 10 PM as Bohemian offers the whole concept from food to after drinks. The cool bar accommodates a daily happy hour at 5 PM by the way. **Saturday's soul-touching singer Sanghita with guitarist Martin** perform live from 7 PM on.

Bohemian Restaurant is a different swing, European flair and outside dining, a place from the same owner as the for years already successful Casa Tua restaurants. They know their dance well, but this time they lift it to a different level.

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In this May 20, 1995, file photo, car owner Roger Penske stands in the pit area at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway during the third day of qualifications for the Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis.

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Teams are right to ask for guaranteed Indy 500 spots

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

The Indianapolis 500 is steeped in a century of tradition with rules and regulations, pomp and pageantry that have remained largely unchanged since 1911.

The fastest 33 cars compete in "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" and drivers unable to make the cut watch from the sidelines. James Hinchcliffe, a series regular and one of IndyCar's most popular drivers, didn't qualify last year and thus began a debate about the fairness in sending full-time teams home from the biggest race of the year.

Bumping has always been part of the mystique and magic of the Indy 500, which is the hallmark event of the IndyCar season.

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MAGIC AWAY



Leonard scores 34, Raptors top Magic 107-85 for 3-1 lead

Toronto Raptors' Kawhi Leonard (2) makes a shot in front of Orlando Magic's Jonathan Isaac during the first half in Game 4 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Sunday, April 21, 2019, in Orlando, Fla.

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C.T. Pan rallies to win RBC Heritage for 1st PGA Tour title

By PETE IACOBELLI

AP Sports Writer

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C.

(AP) — C.T. Pan watched the Masters last week with his wife, and sometimes caddie, Yingchun Lin, thrilled by Tiger Woods' stirring victory at Augusta National.

His wife, Pan recalled, told him point blank, "Hey, I'm not patient, so you better get me (to Augusta) as soon as possible."

Pan complied quickly, taking advantage of top-ranked Dustin Johnson's back-nine meltdown Sunday to win the RBC Heritage for his first PGA Tour victory.

Along with \$1.242 million, the win opens a world of opportunities for the 27-year-old Taiwanese player: He's exempt on tour through 2020-21, in line to make the President's Cup International team this year and will have an opportunity he's dreamed about since taking up the game in the mid-1990s by playing at Augusta National.

"It's a good problem to have," Pan said.

Pan shot a 4-under 67 to finish at 12-under 272, a stroke ahead of Matt Kuchar and two in front of Patrick Cantlay, Scott Piercy and Shane Lowry. Kuchar had a 67, Cantlay and Piercy had 69s and Lowry a 70.

The top-ranked Johnson, the third-round leader in his home-state event, had a 77 to tie for 28th at 4 under. He played a five-hole



C.T. Pan celebrates with his trophy after winning the RBC Heritage golf tournament at Harbour Town Golf Links on Hilton Head Island, S.C., Sunday, April 21, 2019. Pan won with a 12-under par for his first PGA victory.

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stretch in 7 over, making bogeys on Nos. 11-13 and double bogeys on Nos. 14-15.

Pan took the lead for good with a 9-foot birdie putt on the par-4 16th.

Pan headed to the practice range after the round to keep ready in case of a playoff, then raised his arms in triumph when told he'd won.

"It's still really hard for me to believe," he said. "I'm processing. My phone has been vibrating the last 10 minutes. I'm so happy I finally got it done."

Pan won twice on the PGA Tour Canada in 2015 when he turned professional. He's finished second twice in PGA Tour events, once

at the Farmers Insurance Open in 2017 and last year at the Wyndham Championship.

Johnson, the 20-time PGA Tour champ, carried a one-shot lead into the final round and the South Carolina native seemed a strong bet to add the Palmetto State's only tour stop to his trophy case. But Johnson never found a rhythm early and lost all hope with his uncharacteristic drop off. He had a birdie on the fifth to keep on top. Johnson's collapse started mildly with a bogey on the par-3 seventh hole. It took full flight on the back nine.

Johnson's frustrations were in full display on the par-4 13th when his approach

went into the bunker, a foot or so from the wooden-board facing. He barely got it out, shook his head and tossed his wedge down against his bag.

He flew his tee shot into the water on the par-3 14th to drop two more shots. Johnson added a second double bogey on the par-5 15th, a hole he had birdied the first three rounds.

Johnson waved to the stands on the 18th when he closed with a birdie.

Lowry, who had three bogeys over his final six holes Saturday to lose a lead he held much of the week, appeared to regain his earlier form with birdies on the second, fifth and sixth holes to take a two-shot lead. But

a bogey on the straightforward, par-4 ninth — Lowry had birdied it two of the first three rounds — dropped him back. He stubbed a pair of chips on the 12th hole and took double bogey.

Lowry scratched back within a shot of Pan with a birdie on the 14th, but could come no closer.

He said he'll take positives from the week. "Look, after coming so close, it's hard to describe what it's like," Lowry said "But I'm sure I'll get over it and move on to next week."

Kuchar, the 2014 winner at Harbour Town, put together a charge of five birdies to tie Pan for the top. But a bogey on the par-3 17th following a tee shot into the bunker ruined his chances of a second tartan jacket.

"It was so much fun," Kuchar said. "Getting in the mix on the back nine here on Sunday. That back nine, I was really, really enjoying myself."

Cantlay looked like a second strong weekend — he went 64-68 his final two rounds at the Masters to tie for ninth — might bring him victory as he tied for the top with consecutive birdies on the 14th and 15th holes. He had a chip from just off the green on the 18th for a tying birdie, but did not come close.

"I hit a lot of solid shots and (it) just wasn't enough," he said.

Pan's wife was key to his playing here this week. □



Spain's Rafael Nadal reacts during their semifinal match of the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters tournament against Italy's Fabio Fognini in Monaco, Saturday, April, 20, 2019.

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Nadal to face 63rd-ranked Mayer in Barcelona Open

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Defending champion Rafael Nadal will face Leonardo Mayer in his first match at the Barcelona Open.

Mayer defeated Marius Copil 6-3, 6-7 (3), 7-5 in the first round on Monday. The 63rd-ranked Argentine saved all five break points he faced in a match lasting more than two and a half hours.

Second-ranked Nadal, an 11-time winner in Barcelona, opens play at the clay-court tournament on Wednesday after a first-

round bye. He is coming off a loss to Fabio Fognini in the semifinals of the Monte Carlo Masters.

"My personal opinion is that I played one of the worst matches on clay," Nadal said in Barcelona. "It's a reality. There is no need to hide it. What has happened has happened."

Fognini, the champion in Monte Carlo, will play either Nicola Pietrangeli or Federico Bonicini, who meet on Tuesday.

Argentine Diego Schwartzman, who had to go

through qualifying after missing the deadline to enter the main draw, defeated Japanese Yoshihito Nishioka 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. He will play third-seeded Dominic Thiem of Austria on Tuesday.

In other results on Monday, Fernando Verdasco defeated wild card Feliciano Lopez 6-4, 6-3 in an all-Spanish match, Mackenzie McDonald of the U.S. beat Taro Daniel of Japan 6-2, 6-2, and Taylor Fritz got past Reilly Opelka 6-3, 6-4 in a meeting of Americans. □



Celtics sweep Pacers; Warriors, Raptors take 3-1 leads

By The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Gordon Hayward scored 20 points and Marcus Morris started a decisive 3-point flurry late in the fourth quarter Sunday to give the Boston Celtics a series-clinching 110-106 victory at Indiana. It's the first four-game sweep for the Celtics since 2011 and their second since 1986-87, becoming the first team to reach the second round of the playoffs.

Bojan Bogdanovic finished with 22 points and Tyreke Evans finished with a playoff career-high of 21 to lead the Pacers. It still wasn't enough to prevent Indiana from enduring its second first-round sweep in three years — the only two best-of-seven sweeps in franchise history.

WARRIORS 113, CLIPPERS 105

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kevin Durant scored 33 points, Klay Thompson added 32 and Golden State beat Los Angeles to take a commanding 3-1 lead in their first-round playoff series.

Stephen Curry was in foul trouble for the second straight game and finished with 12 points. Andrew Bogut fouled out with 5:50 remaining in the game with eight points and 10 rebounds.

The Warriors were 17 of 19

from the free throw line. They controlled the boards, 49-33, led by Curry and Bogut with 10 rebounds apiece.

Rookie Shai Gilgeous-Alexander led the Clippers with a career-high 25 points. Danilo Gallinari added 16 points but was just 5 of 20 from the floor. Patrick Beverley had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

TRAIL BLAZERS 111, THUNDER 98

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Damian Lillard scored 15 of his 24 points in the third quarter, and Portland held Russell Westbrook without a basket in the second half in beating Oklahoma City to take a 3-1 lead in their series.

C.J. McCollum scored 27 points, Al-Farouq Aminu had 19 points and nine rebounds and Maurice Harkless added 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Trail Blazers. Portland can close out the series Tuesday at home.

Paul George had 32 points and 10 rebounds for Oklahoma City. Dennis Schroder added 17 points.

Westbrook scored 14 points on 5-for-21 shooting. He missed his final 10 shots and was 0 for 7 for one point in the second half.

RAPTORS 107, MAGIC 85

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) —

Kawhi Leonard scored 34 points and Toronto beat Orlando to take a 3-1 lead in their Eastern Conference first-round series. Pascal Siakam and Norman Powell each scored 16 for the Raptors, who can advance with a home win in Game 5 on Tuesday. Toronto has now won three consecutive postseason games, only the third time that's happened in franchise history. Aaron Gordon scored 25 for the Magic, making his first seven shots of the second half. Evan Fournier scored 19 and Nikola Vucevic added 11 for the Magic, who committed 17 turnovers that became 21 Toronto points. □



Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum (0) drives on Indiana Pacers forward Thaddeus Young (21) during the second half of Game 3 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series Friday, April 19, 2019, in Indianapolis.

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Hertl scores in 2OT, Sharks beat Vegas 2-1 to force Game 7

By The Associated Press
LAS VEGAS (AP) — Tomas Hertl scored a short-handed goal 11:17 into the second overtime to lift the San Jose Sharks to a 2-1 win over the Vegas Golden Knights on Sunday night, forcing a Game 7 in their first-round playoff series.
 Just 31 seconds after Barclay Goodrow was called for slashing Brayden McNabb, it was Hertl recovering the loose puck and skating in alone and beating Marc-Andre Fleury with a wrist shot to seal the win and force the deciding game Tuesday at San Jose. Logan Couture also scored for the Sharks, and Martin Jones had a playoff career-high 58 saves. San Jose has won two straight after being forced to the



San Jose Sharks center Tomas Hertl (48) celebrates after scoring against the Vegas Golden Knights to win the game during the second overtime in Game 6 of a first-round NHL hockey playoff series Sunday, April 21, 2019, in Las Vegas.

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brink of elimination to even the series.
 Jonathan Marchessault scored for Vegas, and Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 27 shots.

BRUINS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 2
TORONTO (AP) — Brad Marchand had two goals and an assist as Boston forced a Game 7 in its series with Toronto.

Torey Krug and Jake DeBrusk also scored, and David Pastrnak had two assists to help the Bruins avoid elimination. Tuukka Rask stopped 22 shots. Boston will host the deciding game on Tuesday night.

Morgan Rielly and Auston Matthews scored for Toronto in a series neither team has managed back-to-back victories and each has won twice on the road. Frederik Andersen finished with 37 saves.

The Maple Leafs, who lost to the Bruins in seven games in both 2013 and last spring, have not advanced to the second round of the playoffs since 2004.

The winner of this series will take on the Columbus Blue Jackets, who swept a Tampa Bay Lightning team that tied an NHL record with 62 victories in the regular season. □

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INDY 500

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Pundits insist the race stands alone, and drivers indeed spend an entire year trying to scrape together the funding needed to get a car on the hallowed speedway grounds. The race is so special to retired Formula One world champion Fernando Alonso that he is returning next month for a second chance to close out his "Triple Crown" quest.

The race is also just one of 17 on the IndyCar schedule, but worth double points in the championship race. Hinchcliffe was fifth in the standings when he missed the 500 last year and he plummeted to 11th and never recovered to make a run at the title. It's the one event every sponsor wants to be part of when they sign the checks, and Michael Andretti had to scramble to buy Ryan Hunter-Reay a seat in 2011 when the team failed to qualify and Andretti needed his longtime partners in the field.

So when Hinchcliffe and sponsor Arrow were sent home last year, Roger Penske was one of the first owners to publicly question the bumping tradition. Penske also competes in NASCAR, which has a charter system that guarantees full-time entrants make every race, and he told The Associated Press that bumping had grown antiquated because "the world has changed."

Penske said it was time for IndyCar "to step back and look at this and be sure that people who commit for a full season know they have

a (guaranteed) place in the Indy 500."

It was an interesting take from the most revered team owner in the paddock: Penske drivers have won the Indy 500 a record 17 times, and his organization was stunningly excluded from the race in 1995 when his cars failed to qualify. For added humiliation, defending race winner Al Unser Jr. was one of those sidelined.

"I remember walking out of pit lane with 100,000 people on qualification day and going back to my garage and it was a real blow," Penske told the AP. "On the other hand, it made us better going forward. This is a place you want to race and you have to be there (guaranteed) going in."

Now Chip Ganassi and Michael Andretti have echoed Penske's sentiment, and Hulman and Co. CEO Mark Miles said he understands their position. Guaranteed spots will not happen next month for the 103rd running of the race, but there are ongoing discussions as to how to protect IndyCar's full-time entrants when it comes to the marquee race.

Fans could not be angrier at that idea.

Ganassi a week ago at Long Beach enlivened the debate by openly aligning with rival Penske.

"He knows what it's like not to be in that race," Ganassi said. "Thank God I don't know what that's like. But obviously I agree with him. When you're making a commitment all year for the series, a commitment is just that."

Bedridden and bored all



In this May 20, 1995, file photo, Al Unser Jr. waves after he failed to qualify for the 1995 Indianapolis 500, in Indianapolis, Ind.

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last weekend with the flu, Ganassi passed the time on Twitter responding to the backlash. A user named John Day asked Ganassi, "why now?" when there was no griping over Bobby Rahal missing Indy in 1993 or the Penske cars two years later.

"Hey John calm down," Ganassi wrote. "We are just discussing options. Maybe there is one that keeps everyone happy. Maybe not." Team owners and the Indy 500 purists both make compelling arguments.

The traditional "Bump Day" is a part of the Indy 500 mystique and adds a crucial wrinkle of drama to qualifying weekend. The race against the clock to make the field of 33 can be heartbreaking — it sure was for Hinchcliffe last season — and IndyCar has updat-

ed the system for this year. Hinchcliffe was knocked out of the race in Saturday qualifying last year, but the bumping will now be held on Sunday afternoon. Any cars outside the top 30 will have a shot at the "Last Row Shootout" to snag the final three spots in the field. It gives those teams an extra day to work on improvements, adds suspense to a second day of qualifying for television purposes and gives teams a last-ditch chance to make the show. It's a lifeline for teams struggling to make the race, and a pretty fair concession. For the time being, Motorsports is simply not as healthy as it was when Penske's cars failed to make the race nearly 25 years ago. His sponsors absorbed the blow then, as Arrow did last year, but teams are scrap-

ing together every dollar to fill a season these days and missing the 500 can decimate the bottom line.

The economics of IndyCar means many drivers bring their own money to their teams. Not making the Indy 500 not only means they don't get paid but also hurts their ability to sell future races.

If this was 1911, then sure, the fastest 33 cars race and that's just fine.

But this is 2019 and teams — and we're only talking about 20-something full-time entries, leaving about 10 open spots in the field — at least need the assurance they will have a spot in the race. Maybe that means more than 33 cars race? As Penske noted, the world has indeed changed, and sometimes business trumps tradition. □

Lloyd Pierce replacing Nate McMillan on USA coaching staff

By TIM REYNOLDS

Atlanta Hawks coach Lloyd Pierce has been added as an assistant coach for USA Basketball this summer, when the Americans will compete in the FIBA World Cup in China and try to qualify for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Pierce is replacing Indiana Pacers coach Nate McMillan, who withdrew because of scheduling conflicts.

Pierce, the Golden State Warriors' Steve Kerr and Villanova's Jay Wright will be the assistants under head coach Gregg Popovich of the San Antonio Spurs. The World Cup stretches through Sept. 15. The demands of the schedule and the travel would have likely been too daunting for McMillan — whose Pacers are scheduled to open training camp not long after

the World Cup gold-medal game, and will then travel to India for a pair of pre-season games on Oct. 4-5. "It's an honor to receive this opportunity to represent our country and to work with such great coaches and staff," Pierce said. "My family and I are excited about and committed to enjoying this journey." I think he's really a good addition. □



Atlanta Hawks head coach Lloyd Pierce reacts in the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Indiana Pacers Wednesday, April 10, 2019, in Atlanta.

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Red Sox complete sweep, close gap on AL East-leading Rays

By The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Christian Vazquez hit a sacrifice fly in the 11th inning, and the Boston Red Sox completed an uplifting three-game sweep of the AL East-leading Tampa Bay Rays with a 4-3 victory Sunday.

Rafael Devers singled off Jose Alvarado (0-2) to start the 11th and went to second when Michael Chavis walked. Both runners moved up a base on Jackie Bradley's sacrifice bunt and Vazquez followed with his fly that Kevin Kiermaier ran down in center field.

Marcus Walden (3-0) allowed an infield hit over two scoreless innings and Ryan Brasier worked the 11th to get his sixth save.

After starting the season by losing eight of 10, the defending World Series champions are 7-5 over the last 12 games and went from eight to five games behind the Rays.

YANKEES 7, ROYALS 6, 10 INNINGS

NEW YORK (AP) — Austin Romine drove in the winning run in the 10th inning with his third RBI single, and New York overcame a bullpen collapse that followed another scoreless start by James Paxton to beat Kansas City.

After adding All-Star slugger Aaron Judge to their



Boston Red Sox's Christian Vazquez hits a sacrifice fly ball to center field to knock in the game-winning run off Tampa Bay Rays reliever Jose Alvarado during the 11th inning of a baseball game Sunday, April 21, 2019, in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Red Sox beat the Rays 4-3.

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ever-growing injury list, the Yankees escaped a couple late jams and got back over .500. Jake Diekman (0-1) walked Mike Tauchman and Gio Urshela leading off the bottom of the 10th, and 23-year-old Thairo Estrada made his big league debut as a pinch hitter and sacrificed against Ian Kennedy. Romine drove a fly that bounced on the center-

field warning track for his first career walk-off hit. Paxton allowed three hits and became only the second Yankees pitcher to strike out 12 or more in consecutive starts. He left with a 5-0 lead but the Royals went ahead with a surprising six-run eighth.

BRAVES 11, INDIANS 5

CLEVELAND (AP) — Josh Donaldson had two hom-

ers and four RBIs, Freddie Freeman added three hits and Atlanta pounded Cleveland's pitching for the second straight night.

Atlanta outscored Cleveland 19-5 over the final 14 innings of the three-game series. The Indians won the first game and led 7-0 after two innings in Game Two, but the Braves rallied for an 8-7 win.

Max Fried (3-0) allowed two runs in 6 1/3 innings. The left-hander walked the bases loaded in the first but retired Jason Kipnis on a fly-ball to end the inning.

Indians starter Shane Bieber (2-1) was charged with seven runs (five earned) in 2 1/3 innings.

RANGERS 11, ASTROS 10

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Joey Gallo had the first sacrifice fly of his career in his 1,337th plate appearance and matched his best with five RBIs, helping Shelby Miller get his first major league victory in two years as Texas held on to beat Houston.

The Astros hit five solo home runs after falling behind 10-1, including a pair from Carlos Correa and Josh Reddick in the eighth inning to get within three.

George Springer led off the ninth with the fifth Houston homer, this one off Texas closer Jose Leclerc, who was pulled after forcing in another run with four walks, capped by Jose Altuve as a pinch-hitter.

Shawn Kelley helped the Rangers avoid a complete collapse by striking out former Texas catcher Robinson Chirinos for his first save since 2017.

In other AL games it was Los Angeles 8, Seattle 6; Minnesota 4, Baltimore 3; and Detroit 4 and Chicago 3. □

Boston pitcher Chris Sale looks to start turnaround Tuesday

By KEN POWTAK

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Chris Sale's wait for his first win of a frustrating season extended another day.

Boston's opener of a four-game series against Detroit was rained out Monday and rescheduled as part of a day-night doubleheader. Sale is to start Tuesday's day opener against Matthew Boyd in a matchup of left-handers.

Sale is 0-4 with an 8.50 ERA in four starts since signing a \$160 million, six-year contract.

"This is flat-out embarrassing," he said after an 8-0 loss to the New York Yankees last week. "For my



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale throws during the second inning of the team's baseball game against the New York Yankees, Tuesday, April 16, 2019, in New York.

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family, for our team, for our fans. This is about as bad as it gets." Sale had a season-high six strikeouts in New York and his fastball averaged 96 mph, up from 90-93 mph earlier this season. "We have two different opinions of his outing," Red Sox manager Alex Cora said. "He felt like he disappointed his family. He's close. Stuff-wise he was great. I think he just misfired a few pitches, and they took advantage of it. But I think he's very close to taking off. The velocity is there, slider's there. The delivery is was more consistent. I know he wants to get on the mound."

Boyd is 1-1 with a 2.96 ERA

in four starts, striking out 10 at Toronto in his season debut and 13 at the New York Yankees five days later. He became the first Tigers' pitcher since at least 1908 to reach double digits in strikeouts in his first two starts of the season.

Hector Velázquez (0-1, 2.84) and Detroit's Spencer Turnbull (0-2, 3.43) are to start the night game in a matchup of righties.

Boston is coming off a three-game sweep at the AL East-leading Tampa Bay Rays, the first series win this season for the Red Sox. The Tigers won two of three in a rain-shortened series at home against the Chicago White Sox. □

Bellinger robs Yelich, homers off Hader, Dodgers top Brewers

By The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Cody Bellinger reached over the right field wall to rob Christian Yelich in the eighth inning of yet another home run, then hit a solo drive off Josh Hader with two outs in the ninth to lift Los Angeles over Milwaukee.

Bellinger connected for his 11th home run. On Friday night, the hard-throwing Hader (0-2) gave up a three-run homer to Enrique Hernandez in the eighth that led Los Angeles to a 5-3 win.

Joc Pederson hit two home runs, including a drive to begin the game, and tied a career high with four hits. He scored three times as the Dodgers won for the seventh time in eight games. They took three of four games at Miller Park.

Pinch hitter Eric Thames launched a three-run homer off Dodgers closer Kenley Jansen (2-0) with two outs in the eighth that made it 5-all.

CARDINALS 6, METS 4

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Paul Goldschmidt drove in two runs and Noah Syndergaard had better luck at the plate than on the mound, hitting a homer with Dexter Fowler's help as St. Louis beat New York.

Syndergaard (1-2) allowed six runs, four earned, on eight hits in five innings, but his most memorable play came while batting in the fourth. He hit a deep fly-ball to center that Fowler leaped for on the warning track even though it was well below the fence. The ball deflected off Fowler's glove and over the fence for Syndergaard's fifth career homer and first since Aug. 16, 2016, at Arizona.

It was one of four homers on the day for the Mets, but that wasn't enough for Syndergaard, who has allowed at least five runs in his last two starts.

Dakota Hudson (1-1) allowed three runs on five hits in five innings, striking out five, for his first career vic-

tory as a starter.

ROCKIES 4, PHILLIES 1

DENVER (AP) — Jon Gray pitched six scoreless innings, Tony Wolters had a two-run double and Colorado beat Philadelphia for its sixth win in seven games. Trevor Story and Ian Desmond also had RBI singles for the Rockies, who won three of four against the Phillies for their second series win of the season and first at home.

Bryce Harper drew a lead-off walk in the Washington eighth and has reached base safely in all 21 games to start the season.

Gray (2-3) allowed one hit in six innings — a double by Maikel Franco in the fourth. He struck out five and walked four in winning his second in a row after losing his first three decisions.

Jerad Eickhoff (0-1), making his first start of the season, allowed four runs on seven hits in six innings.

PADRES 4, REDS 3

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Austin Hedges homered and Wil Myers hit a go-ahead, two-run double in the four-run third inning for San Diego, which beat Cincinnati to snap a six-game losing streak.

Myers' double to left off Tyler Mahle gave the Padres their first lead in a week. They hadn't led since taking a 1-0 advantage in the first inning at Arizona on April 14 in a game they'd lose 8-4. They returned home and lost two to Colorado before dropping the first three games of this series.

The losing streak dropped the Padres from a three-game lead atop the NL West to second place, 2½ games behind Los Angeles. Left-hander Joey Lucchesi (3-2) stopped the steak by holding the Reds to one run and five hits in 5 2/3 innings. He struck out eight and walked two. Kirby Yates pitched the ninth for his 10th save in as many chances.

Mahle (0-2) allowed four runs and seven hits in six in-



Los Angeles Dodgers' Alex Verdugo, left, reacts after Los Angeles Dodgers' Cody Bellinger, right, makes a catch at the wall during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers Sunday, April 21, 2019, in Milwaukee.

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nings, struck out nine and walked none.

CUBS 2, DIAMONDBACKS 1

CHICAGO (AP) — David Bote hit a game-ending RBI single in the ninth inning, and Chicago used a terrific performance by Tyler Chatwood to beat Arizona.

Led by Chatwood's six sparkling innings, Chicago carried a 1-0 lead into the ninth. But Jarrod Dyson hit a drive to right off Pedro Strop (1-1) with one out, tying it at 1.

The Cubs then got right to work against Archie Bradley (1-2) in the bottom half. Javier Báez led off with a double up the first base line and went to third when Adam Jones fumbled the ball in right.

After Willson Contreras was hit by a pitch, Bote hit a liner back up the middle for his fourth career game-ending RBI.

Chatwood allowed two hits in his first outing in 11 days. Robbie Ray (0-2) was almost as good as Chatwood, allowing four hits in six innings in perhaps his best start so far this year.

NATIONALS 5, MARLINS 0

MIAMI (AP) — Stephen Strasburg dominated his favorite foil, striking out 11 and allowing two hits in eight innings to help Washington avert a series sweep.

Ryan Zimmerman hit two solo home runs, and Brian Dozier also had a solo homer. Strasburg (2-1) improved to 18-7 in 32 career starts versus the Marlins. He has won his past nine decisions against them, and has more victories over Miami than against any other team.

The Marlins were shut out for the sixth time. They loaded the bases in the ninth thanks to two walks and an infield single before Sean Doolittle retired Miguel Rojas to complete a three-hitter.

Trevor Richards (0-3) allowed three runs in 6 1/3 innings and was a bit unlucky. Homers by Zimmerman and Dozier were pulled down the left field line and barely cleared the fence.

GIANTS 3, PIRATES 2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Buster Posey snapped the longest homerless drought of his career with a three-run

shot and tagged out Pittsburgh's Jung Ho Kang at the plate for the final out.

Posey sent a fastball from Chris Archer (1-1) just over the fence in center field with one out in the fifth to give the Giants the lead. The home run was the first for the six-time All-Star catcher since he went deep against the Miami Marlins on June 19, 2018, a span of 237 at-bats.

Posey's homer was just enough for San Francisco to end Pittsburgh's five-game winning streak. Derek Rodriguez (3-2) allowed two runs on three hits in 5 2/3 innings to win his second straight start, striking out four and walking one.

Will Smith earned his fifth save of the season with some help from his defense. Kang was on first with two outs after reaching on a fielder's choice when Bryan Reynolds laced a double to the right-field corner. Third base coach Joey Cora waved Kang home, but the relay throw from second baseman Joe Panik to Posey beat Kang by a good two steps. □



Drones, supercomputers and sonar deployed against floods



The Aug. 8, 2017, file photo shows the supercomputer named Cheyenne at the NCAR-Wyoming Supercomputing Center near Cheyenne, Wyo.

Associated Press

By **ADRIAN SAINZ and JEFF MARTIN**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — An arsenal of new technology is being put to the test fighting floods this year as rivers inundate towns and farm fields across the central United States. Drones, supercomputers and sonar that scans deep under water are helping to maintain flood control projects and predict just where rivers will roar out of their banks. Together, these tools are putting detailed informa-

tion to use in real time, enabling emergency managers and people at risk to make decisions that can save lives and property, said Kristie Franz, associate professor of geological and atmospheric sciences at Iowa State University. The cost of this technology is coming down even as disaster recovery becomes more expensive, so "anything we can do to reduce the costs of these floods and natural hazards is worth it," she said. "Of course, loss of life, which you can't put a dollar amount on, is certainly worth that as well." U.S. scientists said in their spring weather outlook that 13 million people are at risk of major inundation, with more than 200 river gauges this week showing some level of flooding in the Mississippi River basin, which drains the vast middle of the United States. Major flooding continues in places from the Red River in North Dakota to near the mouth of the Mississippi in Louisiana, a map from the National Weather Service shows. "There are over 200 million people that are under some elevated threat risk,"

said Ed Clark, director of the National Water Center in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, a flood forecasting hub. Much of the technology, such as the National Water Model, didn't exist until recently. Fueled by supercomputers in Virginia and Florida, it came online about three years ago and expanded streamflow data by 700-fold, assembling data from 5 million river miles (8 million kilometers) of rivers and streams nationwide, including many smaller ones in remote areas. "Our models simulate exactly what happens when the rain falls on the Earth and whether it runs off or infiltrates," Clark said. "And so the current conditions, whether that be snow pack or the soil moisture in the snow pack, well that's something we can measure and monitor and know." Emergency managers and dam safety officials can see simulations of the consequences of flood waters washing away a levee or crashing through a dam using technology developed at the University of Mississippi — a web-based

system known as DSS-WISE. The software went online in 2017 and quickly provided simulations that informed the response to heavy rains that damaged spillways at the nation's tallest dam in northern California. The program also helped forecast the flooding after Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana that year. Engineers monitoring levees along the Mississippi River have been collecting and checking data using a geographic information system produced by Esri, said Nick Bidlack, levee safety program manager for the Memphis district of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The company produces mapping tools such as an interactive site showing the nation's largest rivers and their average monthly flow. On the Mississippi River, flood inspectors use smartphones or tablets in the field to input data into map-driven forms for water levels and the locations of inoperable flood gates, seepages, sand boils or levee slides, which are cracks or ditches in the slopes of an earthen levee. Photos, videos and other data

are sent to an emergency flood operation center in real time, allowing Corps officials to visualize any problems and their exact location, instantly informing the response, Bidlack said. "If people in the field have concerns about something, they can let us know to go out there and look at it," Bidlack said. "There's a picture associated with it, a description of it, and it helps us take care of it." Corps engineers are increasingly flying drones to get their own aerial photography and video of flooded areas they can't otherwise get to because of high water or rough terrain, said Edward Dean, a Corps engineer. "We can reach areas that are unreachable," Dean said. The Corps also now uses high-definition sonar in its daily operations to survey the riverbed, pinpointing where maintenance work needs to be done, said Corps engineer Andy Simmerman. The Memphis district uses a 26-foot survey boat called the Tiger Shark, with a sonar head that looks like an old-fashioned vacuum cleaner and collects millions of points per square inch of data, Simmerman said. The technology has helped them find cars and trucks that have been dumped into the river, along with weak spots in the levees. "These areas are 20 to 80 feet underwater, we'd never get to see them without sonar," Simmerman said. "The water never gets low enough for us to see a lot of these failures." During recent flooding near Cairo, Illinois, a culvert that should have been closed was sending water onto the dry side of a levee. The sonar pointed engineers to the precise location of a log that was stuck 20 feet deep in murky water, keeping the culvert open. Plastic sheathing and sandbags were brought in to stop the flow and save the land below. "The sonar definitely made a difference," said Simmerman. "A big success." □



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'Thrones' is ending, but will live on in merchandise

By GARY GERARD HAMILTON

NEW YORK (AP) — From wine to clothing to tours, HBO and retailers have cashed in through the years with "Game of Thrones" merchandise. "Thrones" is not only a huge international show but also a massive business, with all sides hoping to pad the bank during the show's eighth and final season.

"It's thousands of products, just a lot of stuff all around the world," said Jeff Peters, HBO's vice president of licensing and retail. "We're so busy we don't stop and count."

Products include makeup, beer, toy collectibles and even high fashion collaborations.

But while the show itself is a TV phenomenon, that doesn't guarantee fans will flock to stores.

"It's certainly good to be lucky. But you don't get to where the merchandising programs are with HBO and what they've done with 'Game of Thrones' unless you have a true, point-by-point marketing and merchandising and retail strategy," said product and licensing expert Tony Lisanti.

"This is a global property and every country may resonate a little different," he said.

California-based Vintage Wine Estates has been making the official "Game of Thrones" wine for three



This product image released by HBO shows various styles of Adidas x Game of Thrones Ultra Boosts sneakers inspired by HBO's "Game of Thrones" series.

Associated Press

years now, said Pat Roney, the company's CEO. "Just the excitement all over the world with the calls that we get from almost 40 different countries to sell wine — it's just amazing," he said.

Popular tours of "Game of Thrones" filming locations in Croatia and Ireland have boosted small, local economies there, according to TripAdvisor's Andrew Aley.

"Some really positive examples like Northern Ireland, for example, where it's not somewhere that's always been on every tourist's radar and it's now become one of the major pillars of tourism in that local economy," he said. "But it's one of those factors that's then driving tourism to other attractions as well, like at Belfast Titanic or Giant's Causeway."

It wasn't always this easy for HBO to find retailing partners for "Game of Thrones," Peters said.

"At the beginning, nobody really knew what it was," he said. "So, we were the ones making phone calls and we were saying, 'Hey, you got to get in on this. We think there's a great opportunity.' As the show got established and got big, then all the calls came to us and people were just throwing ideas and pitches."

Some of those ideas resulted in fashion collaborations with companies like Adidas, who created the now hard-to-find "Adidas x Game of Thrones Ultra Boosts" shoes, as well as a collection with men's fashion designer John Varvatos. "The one thing that always stands out in my mind from the first season was all the textures, all the way the leathers are finished, the artisan fabrics, and it's a lot of what we do," said Varvatos. "But I also didn't want to make 'Game of Thrones' (clothes) where someone

felt like they were wearing a costume around town. ... So what you wanted to do is take that inspiration with a lot of the great details from the wardrobe from the show and put that into product that people actually could wear."

There are also "Thrones"-themed board games like "Monopoly," "CLUE" and "Risk"; Danielle Nicole's "Game of Thrones" handbags; and beer made by upstate New York's Brewery Ommegang.

Just how much money is being made? No one really knows except HBO. And the number's hard to estimate, for a reason.

"HBO wants to get as high a licensing fee as possible. It will not want the companies that license 'Game of Thrones' to know what deals HBO is striking so that those companies seek to obtain a lower fee," wrote Dr. Larry Chiagouris, profes-

sor of marketing at Pace University, in an email to the Associated Press.

His broad guess of how much HBO is bringing in: "It's a lot!"

Aside from the chance to make money, there have been other benefits to retailers joining forces with HBO. Take Urban Decay's new makeup collection, for example.

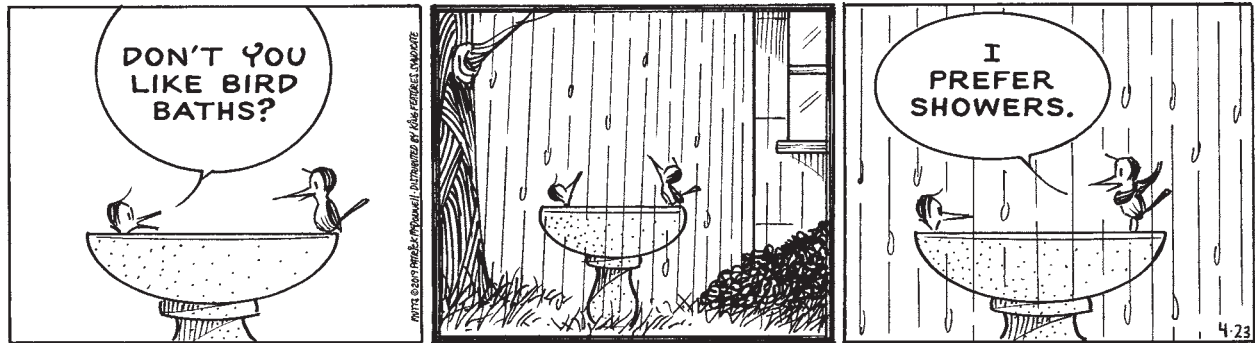
"A couple of these products didn't even exist in our line before. So the lipsticks were reimaged and have new casings and everything else," said Wende Zomnir, founding partner and chief creative officer of Urban Decay (the company previously worked with HBO on the show "Vinyl").

There's been a push to get new "Thrones" products out in time for the last season, but Lisanti thinks that even when the show ends, the products will stay in demand thanks to streaming and planned spinoffs.

"As long as there's new content, then the franchise will continue to be popular. And that content doesn't have to be another series," said Lisanti. It could be events such as a "traveling exhibition, concerts series, and events in cities and around the world." HBO isn't worried.

"We're striking right now while the iron is hot," said Peters. "But we're pretty confident that there will be interest in 'Game of Thrones' for a long time." □

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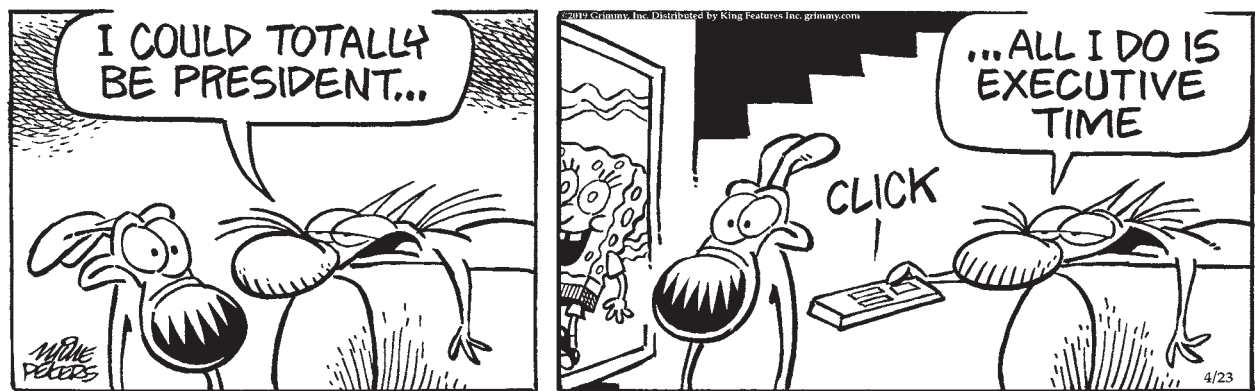
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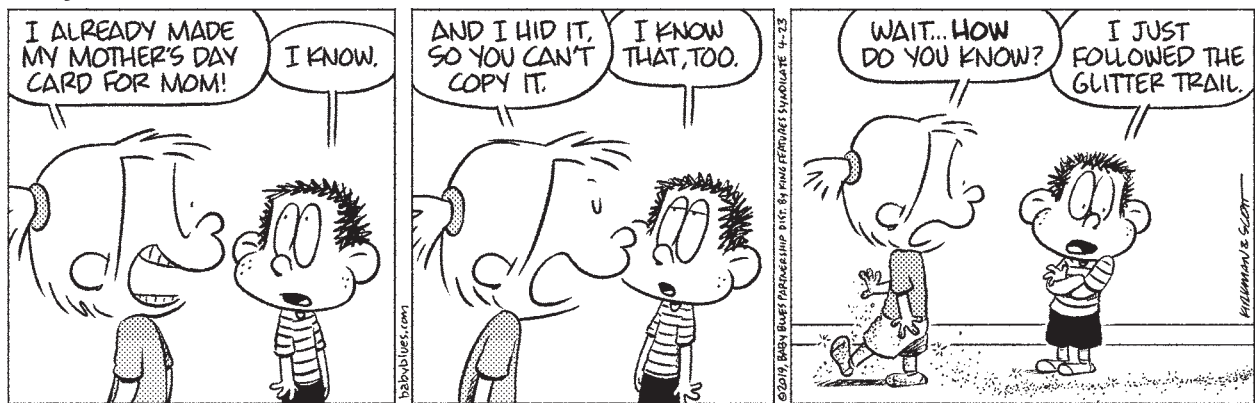
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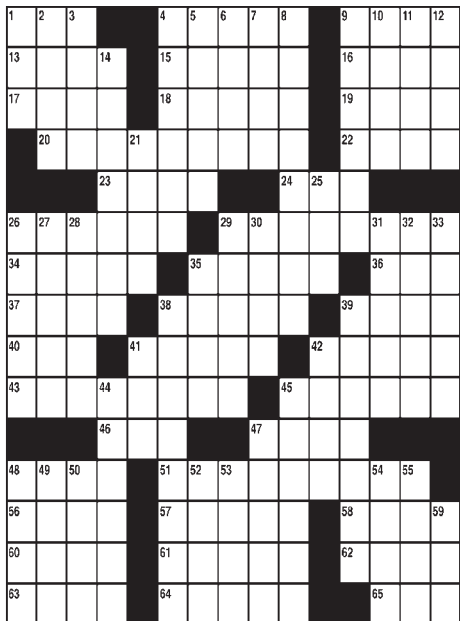
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Wild bee species critical to pollination on the decline

By MICHAEL CASEY

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — More than a dozen wild bee species critical to pollinating everything from blueberries to apples in New England are on the decline, according to a new study.

Researchers from the University of New Hampshire wanted to understand if the documented declines hitting honeybees and bumblebees were also taking a toll on the lesser studied bee species in New Hampshire.

So they examined 119 species in the state from a museum collection at the college dating back 125 years. Writing in the peer-reviewed journal *Insect and Conservation Diversity* this month, Sandra Rehan and Minna Mathiasson concluded 14 species found across New England were on the decline by as much as 90 percent. Several of them are leafcutter and mining bees, which, unlike honeybees, nest in the ground.

"We know that wild bees are greatly at risk and not doing well worldwide," Rehan, assistant professor of biological sciences and the senior author on the study, said in a prepared statement. "This status assessment of wild bees shines



This 2018 photo provided by the University of New Hampshire shows a ground nesting bee pollinating a flower in New Hampshire.

Associated Press

a light on the exact species in decline, beside the well-documented bumblebees. Because these species are major players in crop pollination, it raises concerns about compromising the production of key crops and the food supply in general."

Bees have been on the decline for more than a decade across the globe, and scientists have blamed a range of factors including insecticides called neonicotinoids, parasites, disease, climate change and lack of a diverse food supply. Bees are critical pollinators, and about a third of the human diet comes from plants that are pollinated

by insects.

Greg Burt, who owns Burt's Apple Orchard in Cabot, Vermont, said he relies heavily on wild pollinators to produce crops. The 9,000-tree orchard covers 10 acres and has been around for a decade.

"Making sure that pollinators in the area are healthy and doing well is definitely something we're concerned about," Burt said. Jeff Lozier, a bee expert from the University of Alabama who did not take part in the research, called the study "interesting" and said the findings are a critical step in expanding research into lesser known species of bees. □

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Americans' energy use surges despite climate change concern

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER and SETH BORENSTEIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Americans burned a record amount of energy in 2018, with a 10% jump in consumption from booming natural gas helping to lead the way, the U.S. Energy Information Administration says.

Overall consumption of all kinds of fuels rose 4% year on year, the largest such increase in eight years, a report this week from the agency said. Fossil fuels in all accounted for 80% of Americans' energy use.

That's despite increasingly urgent warnings from scientists that humans are running out of time to stave off the harshest effects of climate change by cutting greenhouse gas emissions from consuming coal, oil and natural gas.

A 2018 National Climate Assessment involving scientists from 13 government agencies and outside experts warned that climate change already "presents growing challenges to human health and quality of life, the economy, and the natural systems that support us."



In this Wednesday Jan. 30, 2019, file photo smoke rises from the chimneys of homes in St. Paul, Minn.

Associated Press

Last month was the second hottest March globally on record with an average temperature of 56.8 (13.8 degrees Celsius), nearly 2 degrees warmer than the 20th century average, behind only March 2016, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Alaska had its warmest March by far, nearly 16 degrees above normal and

3.7 degrees warmer than the previous record set in 1965.

"Globally, the long-term pattern, of which March 2019 is an exclamation point ... is almost entirely related to increased greenhouse gases," said Deke Arndt, climate monitoring chief for NOAA's National Center for Environmental Information.

This week's report says the

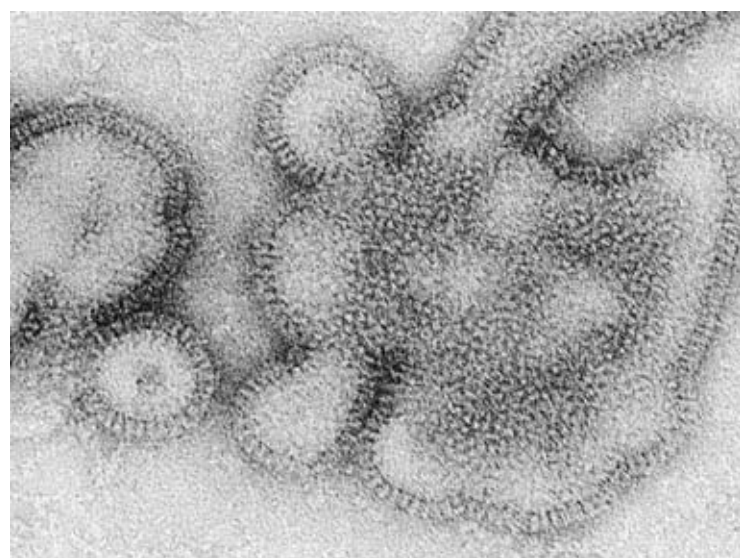
2018 weather led Americans to turn on their furnaces and air conditioners more often. With the U.S. shale oil and gas boom helping make natural gas increasingly affordable, and with more power plants running on natural gas, natural gas consumption by the national electrical grid rose 15% from 2017, the energy information agency said.

Renewable energy consumption also hit a record high, led by a 22% jump in the use of solar power, the agency said.

Chris Field, a climate scientist and director of the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment, says the EIA's breakdown of last year's energy use shows the U.S. has abundant fuel — but lacks the kind of policy levers that would make sure it's clean renewable fuels that Americans burn as energy demand rises.

"Renewables are increasingly rapidly, but not as rapidly as necessary to drive down total emissions," Field said. Coal consumption fell for a fifth straight year nationally, flailing in market competition against natural gas and renewables despite pledges from Donald Trump, as a candidate and then as president, to bring back the coal industry and coal jobs.

The Trump administration has played down the peril from climate change. Environmental Protection Agency chief Andrew Wheeler said last month that "most of the threats from climate change are 50 to 75 years out." □



This 2011 electron microscope image provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows H3N2 influenza virions.

Associated Press

Two-wave U.S. flu season is now the longest in a decade

NEW YORK (AP) — Three months ago, this flu season was shaping up to be short and mild in the U.S. But a surprising second viral wave has made it the longest in 10 years.

This flu season has been officially going for 21 weeks, according to reports collected through last week and released Friday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That makes it among the longest seen since the government started tracking flu season duration more than 20 years ago.

Some experts likened the unusual double waves to having two different flu seasons compressed, back-to-back, into one.

"I don't remember a season like this," said Dr. Arnold Monto, a University of Michigan researcher who had been studying respiratory illnesses for more than 50 years.

The previous longest recent flu season was 20 weeks, which occurred in 2014-2015.

Flu can cause a miserable, relatively mild illness in many people and a more severe illness in others. Young children and the elderly are at greatest risk from flu and its complications. Flu vaccinations are recommended annually for all but the very young. The current season began the week of Thanksgiving, a typical start time. At the

beginning, most illnesses were caused by a flu strain that tends not to cause as many hospitalizations and which is more easily controlled by vaccines.

But in mid-February, a nastier strain started causing more illnesses and driving up hospitalizations.

Not helping matters: The harsher bug is not well matched to the vaccine, said the CDC's Lynnette Brammer, who oversees flu tracking.

Still, this flu season is not nearly as bad as last winter's 19-week season, the deadliest in at least four decades. An estimated 80,000 Americans died of flu and its complications last season. □



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Melinda Gates talks 'brash' Microsoft culture in new book

By SALLY HO

Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Looking back at her time as an early Microsoft employee, Melinda Gates said the brash culture at the famously tough, revolutionary tech company made her want to quit, but that she didn't discuss it with her boyfriend, and later her husband, Bill Gates, the company CEO who embodied that culture.

"That wasn't my job to do that at the time," Gates said in an interview with The Associated Press, adding that she drew "bright lines" around the office and home in order to work there for nine years before she left to have children.

Her new book, "The Moment of Lift," is a memoir and manifesto on women and power from the former tech business executive, outspoken feminist



In this photo taken Thursday, April 18, 2019, Melinda Gates poses for a photo with her new book, "The Moment of Lift," in Kirkland, Wash.

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and public supporter of the #MeToo movement. The Associated Press reviewed

an advanced copy of the book ahead of its release Tuesday. All book proceeds

will be donated to charity. Missing from the memoir is how her relationship with

Gates affected her experience at Microsoft. And she said it's difficult to look back to 30 years ago to say how things might be different today if he had made a move on an employee at work, back when the company was 1% of its current size.

"It's impossible to project how that was different," she said.

Gates didn't say in the interview if she ever had doubts about starting a relationship with her company CEO.

The book trails her life from Catholic school girl in Texas, to young tech leader at Microsoft; and from her private struggles as the wife of a dominating public icon and stay-at-home mom with three kids, to finding her professional purpose as a champion of women through venture capital and philanthropy. □

Jimmy Page reflects on Led Zeppelin's legacy and its sound

By JOHN CARUCCI

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — When Jimmy Page was a young student, he had already developed such an inseparable relationship with his guitar that school officials would often confiscate it. "It would be given back at the end of the day. And this was quite repetitive," Page said.

That dedication worked out pretty well for Page, who took Led Zeppelin to the zenith as one of the most powerful outfits in rock history.

Now some of the instruments that he used to create that Zeppelin sound are on display at an exhibition called "Play It Loud: Instruments of Rock & Roll" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Seven of Page's guitars, a few costumes and some of his equipment have been loaned to the exhibit, alongside dozens of guitars, drums and memorabilia from such legends as Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, Bo Diddley and John Lennon.

While visiting the exhibition,



Jimmy Page speaks to a reporter at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, Monday, April 1, 2019.

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Page sat down with The Associated Press to discuss the band's legacy, why its music has endured and prospects for another reunion concert.

AP: How frustrating are the Led Zeppelin reunion questions? You weren't completely happy with Live Aid

or the 40th anniversary concert for Atlantic Records in 1988. What about the 2007 concert in London?

Page: I'm rather pleased that we did it, because we sort of looked still similar to what we looked now, and, yeah, we did a really good job. But I don't think there's

going to be another one.

AP: Let's talk about your earliest recollection with the guitar.

Page: I was taking my guitar to school so that I could play at recess because I became so involved with it, we became inseparable. I had to do my academic

studies, that was the deal I had with my dad. And the rest of the time I could play guitar. So, I took that one step further: I would take that to school and play at recess.

AP: Your guitar work for Led Zeppelin was far ahead of the curve...

Page: I'd like to think that it was, because the first album, I sort of knew, as we were doing the tracks, exactly how I was going to layer everything and the textures of them.... There's a variety of moods on 'Led Zeppelin I.' So, again, it was me challenging and pushing as far as I possibly could, not even thinking of my limitations, just going beyond, beyond, beyond.

AP: What's it like having your guitars in the Met?

Page: You approach the gallery through Greco-Roman statues, and then the first thing you see is Chuck Berry's guitar. I said, 'What? The original one, the blond one,' and they said, 'Yes.' And I said, 'What would you like? Tell me what you want to help this along and you can have whatever it is that you want.' □

'La Llorona' movie promotion with Mexican healers draws fire



This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Jaynee-Lynne Kinchen, left, and Linda Cardellini in a scene from "The Curse of La Llorona."

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By **RUSSELL CONTRERAS**
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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A promotion around the movie "The Curse of La Llorona" using traditional Mexican healers for "spiritual cleansings" before screenings of the horror film is drawing strong criticism from healers and scholars who say the stunts are offensive and demeaning. Leading up to the Friday release of the movie based on a Mexican folktale, Warner Bros. invited healers known as curanderos to give audiences cleanings called "limpias." The studio also dispatched Cuban-born, Los Angeles-based healer Salvador Gata to "bless" an audience before the March 15 premiere at SXSW at The Paramount Theatre in Austin, Texas. In addition, photos posted on social media show images of supposed healers providing ceremonial cleansings in front of posters of "The Curse of La Llorona," then celebrating as if attending a party. "I'm working on the movie La Llorona and am looking for a curandero to do

limpias before my movie screenings," publicist Nahir Wold wrote San Diego-based curandera Grace Sesma in an email. "Let me know if this is something you would be interested in doing!" Sesma said she ignored the invite until she started seeing photos of purported limpias at screenings online. That angered her and she posted the email on her Facebook page. "I found it quite shameful," Sesma said. "It heightens the fear factor around a traditional practice and commodifies and exploits our culture just to get people to see their movie." But Miguel Franco, a curandero based in Los Angeles, said Warner Bros. wasn't looking for stereotypes when the studio invited him several times at various events for the movie. "Working at press junkets, offering my services to people from all walks of life, including several well-known people, influencers, and media has allowed me to share my gift with people who normally would not have sought me out," Fran-

co said. He called the experience "overwhelmingly positive." Wold did not immediately return emails and phone messages left by The Associated Press. Tonita Gonzales, an internationally known curandera based in Albuquerque, called the promotion an "outrage and an appropriation" of Mexican American culture. "The limpia is a cleansing that helps people see the holy that's within them," Gonzales said. "To us this to promote a movie, especially during (Easter Weekend), is disturbing." The production hired curanderos as consultants to make sure the curandero in the film was portrayed accurately and with sensitivity, Warner Bros. officials said. The studio declined further comment. Anthropologists believe curanderismo remained popular among poor Latinos because they didn't have access to health care. But they say the field is gaining traction among those who seek to use alternative medicine. □

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Daniel Norgren rakes politely on trippy, bluesy set



This cover image released by Superpuma Records shows "Wooh Dang," by Daniel Norgren.

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By **SCOTT STROUD**
Associated Press
Daniel Norgren, "Wooh Dang" (Superpuma)
Daniel Norgren's devotion to American roots music is undisguised on his latest work, "Wooh Dang." But the Swede with the big Scandinavian following is anything but a copycat.

Trippy, edgy and daring, Norgren's first international release makes the case one more time that cross-cultural exploration remains the most fertile frontier in popular music. It is fresh, rough-edged perfection. Norgren's music, described in promotional materials as "shredding in the most polite way possible," is a raw mélange of coarsely elegant vocals, gently distorted guitar and piano set against a backdrop of unhurried bass and drumming. The opener, "Blue Sky Moon," is a three-minute blend of one-note mood intonations, chirping birds and gentle strumming. Get past that. It might be art but there's not much to it. The brilliance is yet to come.

In its own sweet time. As the first cut fades into "The Flow," a regal bass line and cymbals give way to gentle, chord-based piano, followed by the most restrained electric guitar. What comes next is a remarkable run of original songs filled with innovative, blues-based surprises. Norgren sings of trains and John Wayne movies in what could have sounded trite but is somehow magical here. The lyrics almost don't matter. They are instruments in the soundscape he's creating — one more sign that Norgren has done something distinctive, different and new. Recorded in a farmhouse in Sweden, this is the kind of low-idle Americana that calms the spirit. Lie back. Take it in. Listen. □

Moves like Jagger: Mick's partner debuts Stones-themed dance

By JOCELYN NOVECK

NEW YORK (AP) — Talk about your "Moves Like Jagger." The recovering rocker made a stealth appearance at the ballet, slipping backstage to support his partner, Melanie Hamrick, as she presented her new dance based on Rolling Stones songs.

It was Hamrick's first work as choreographer, with a score arranged by Jagger of three Stones classics: "Sympathy for the Devil," "She's a Rainbow," and "Paint it Black." Hamrick created the short ballet for the 20th anniversary of Youth America Grand Prix, the world's largest ballet scholarship competition, in which she performed as a teenager.

Jagger didn't appear on-stage or in the audience. But he did greet the crowd at New York's Lincoln Center on Thursday night via a backstage mic.

"Hi everybody, this is Mick Jagger here," he said, congratulating YAGP on its anniversary and adding: "I



Choreographer Melanie Hamrick poses with dancers at the gala of Youth America Grand Prix, the world's largest ballet scholarship competition, on Thursday, April 18, after the U.S. premiere of her new ballet, "Porte Rouge" (Red Door), based on classic Rolling Stones tunes arranged by her partner, Mick Jagger.

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hope you are going to enjoy this wonderful ballet — and the music of course." The 75-year-old rocker recently underwent medical treatment, reportedly for a heart valve issue, forcing postponement of the

Stones' No Filter tour.

Hamrick said later in an interview that Jagger was "doing great. Thank goodness!"

"It was cute," she said of his visit backstage. "He wanted to watch the piece. It was

really special that he was there and able to see it. It feels good (for the dancers) when the choreographer and the person who wrote the music are watching you. It gave everyone an extra special feeling."

Hamrick, who dances with American Ballet Theater but did not perform herself in the piece, said it had been nerve-wracking presenting her first choreographic effort.

It was Jagger, she said, who encouraged her to take the plunge when the idea came up, from YAGP founder Larissa Saveliev, for Hamrick to do something with Stones music.

"Mick was, 'Who better than you? You're a professional ballerina, you come to my concerts,'" she said. "It went from there."

Hamrick, 31, noted that the scholarship program was responsible for launching her career; though she didn't win, her performance there led to a contract to perform at ABT's Studio Company in 2003. She joined the main company in 2004.

It was Hamrick who chose the songs for the ballet, called "Porte Rouge," or "Red Door" (as in, "I see a red door..."). Jagger arranged the songs to fit. □

Paranormal investigator Lorraine Warren dies at 92

Associated Press

MONROE, Conn. (AP) — World-wide paranormal investigator and author Lorraine Warren, whose decades of ghost-hunting cases with her late husband inspired such frightening films as "The Conjuring" series and "The Amityville Horror," died. She was 92.

Warren's son-in-law Tony Spera and grandson Chris McKinnell posted Friday on Facebook that Warren died in her sleep Thursday night at her Connecticut home. Phone messages and emails were left with several of Warren's family members. Warren's attorney, Gary Barkin, confirmed his client's death via email to The Associated Press.

"She was a remarkable, loving, compassionate and giving soul," Spera wrote. The Warrens founded the New England Society for Psychic Research in Monroe, Connecticut, in 1952 to investigate suspected

hauntings. The group also posted of her passing on Facebook.

During their 61 years of marriage, Lorraine and Ed Warren investigated more than 10,000 cases in the U.S. and abroad, often writing about their experiences. Their unusual profession has been credited with sparking popular interest in the paranormal, as well as the television shows and films now dedicated to the subject.

"When nobody was really even talking about ghosts, they were just two people from Bridgeport, Connecticut, who came together and fell in love and Ed happened to have had a lot of paranormal instances when he was growing up and Lorraine was always the sensitive clairvoyant," said Larry Dwyer, a staff writer at the Horror News Network, a website that covers the horror film industry. He said the couple re-

alized they could use their "gifts" and Catholic faith to help people who believed they were being tormented by ghosts or demons.

Ed Warren died in 2006 and Spera now oversees the New England Society for Psychic Research. The organization's website said Lorraine Warren had "decided to retire from active investigations regarding the areas of haunted homes and demonic infestations/possessions" but was still a consultant to the organization at the time of her death.

The Warrens' work did receive criticism from doubters over the years. The New England Skeptical Society in 1997 said the Warrens' "copious anecdotal evidence" of reports of hauntings vastly outnumbered their "low-grade physical evidence."

Warren told The AP in a 2013 interview that she understood it was very diffi-



In this June 7, 2016, file photo, paranormal investigator and film consultant Lorraine Warren poses at the premiere of the film "The Conjuring 2" during the Los Angeles Film Festival at the TCL Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles.

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cult for people to accept she could see ghosts if they had never seen one themselves. "I hope you never will," she said. "I really don't." The 2013 film "The Conjuring" is based on the couple's investigation into alleged events at a Rhode Island farmhouse in the 1970s. Lorraine Warren vis-

ited the set during the filming. She also spent time at her Connecticut home with actress Vera Farmiga, who portrays Warren in the movie and its sequels. Farmiga expressed her condolences on Twitter Friday, saying she was "blessed to have known" Warren and "honored to portray her." □

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